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Day 3 of Budget Deliberations: City needs long-term plans for employees and real estate

San Diego— Purchasing and Contracting, Real Estate Assets, and the San Diego Convention Center Corporation were some of the departments that presented before the Budget Review Committee.

An important takeaway from our third day of budget hearings was the city's lack of a long-term real estate strategy. We heard the details of a building, purchased by the city in 2017, that won't be ready for its full intended use as a maintenance facility until 2022. We also heard that the cost of renovations is between \$6.5-\$17 million—quite a wide range.

A theme that carried over from our second day of budget deliberations is recruitment and retention of employees—an issue that is particularly challenging in technical fields given the booming economy and low unemployment rate.

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.

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